

Legislative briefing

School vouchers

Supporters of school vouchers used a procedural tactic Monday to gain more time to find the votes they need.

The law they're proposing, which was awaiting a roll-call vote of the full Arizona House, was sent back to the House Committee on K-12 Education.

Rep. Andy Biggs, R-Gilbert, the prime sponsor of the measure, House Bill 2625, said the move is designed to put it in a holding pattern. He said it keeps foes from demanding an immediate vote, which would kill the plan at this point.

The legislation would provide vouchers of up to \$4,500 to parents to pay tuition and fees at private or parochial schools.

The Senate already approved identical legislation. Even if Biggs lines up the House votes, he expects Gov. Janet Napolitano to veto the bill.

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